

“Complete streets” design not suitable for young cyclists

Too dangerous to ride in traffic



Park Drive on way to Grand Ridge Elementary

Bike lane hazards for kids

- Cars are too close (even if 5')
- Vehicles pass in and out of bike lane as they move in and out of parking spaces.
- Gravel in bike lane makes it very slippery

Sidewalks too crowded for bicycles



...the adjacent sidewalk

Issaquah's sidewalks are **not** designed for bikes

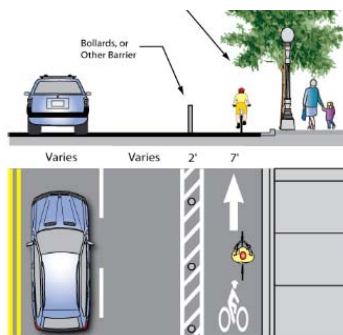
- Sidewalk's without segmentation leads to congestion.
- To pass on them requires someone to move over. This is not ideal for anyone. Separation solves this and helps avoid any potential for conflict.

- Park drive and the proposed new street are “Complete Streets,” that don’t provide a safe route to school for kids (even if the bike lane was wider). For kids to ride their bikes on an on-street bike lane, they need to follow all traffic laws which they don’t get taught until driver’s education and for good reasons – busy 4-way stops, left turns, aggressive drivers.
- Dangerous bike lanes force kids onto sidewalks, but Issaquah’s sidewalks aren’t designed to accommodate bicyclists.
 - Congestion and potential conflict and fuel animosity toward bicycling.
 - Poorly conceived bike lanes get underutilized, fueling the questions of whether bike lanes are a good investment.

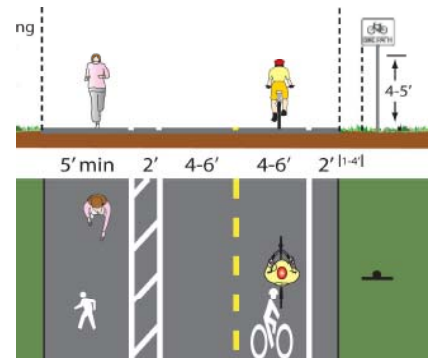
Best designs for kids separate bicyclists, pedestrians, and cars



Raised bike lanes



Buffer bike lane



Segmented multi-use trail or sidewalk

